

THE HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JAMES GINZKEY, RICHARD  
FITZGERALD, CHARLES CERF, BARRY  
DONNER, and on behalf of the class members  
described below,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION,  
a Washington Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:18-cv-01773-RSM

**STIPULATED MOTION TO REVISE  
SCHEDULING ORDER REGARDING  
CLASS CERTIFICATION**

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
JULY 20, 2020  
WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT

Plaintiffs James Ginzkey, Richard Fitzgerald, Charles Cerf, and Barry Donner (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant National Securities Corporation (“Defendant”) (collectively, the “Parties”), by and through their undersigned attorneys, hereby submit this Stipulated Motion to Revise the Scheduling Order Regarding Class Certification in this case.

**IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED:**

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed the Complaint in this action on December 10, 2018 (ECF No. 1);

WHEREAS, the Court issued an Order on May 13, 2020 on the Parties’ prior Stipulated Motion to Revise the Scheduling Order (ECF No. 46). The Court set a deadline for the Parties to

1 complete discovery on class certification by August 3, 2020. The Court set a deadline for Plaintiffs  
2 to file a motion for class certification by September 4, 2020;

3 WHEREAS, the world is currently experiencing a global pandemic as a result of the  
4 outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (“Coronavirus”) and all litigation and legal proceedings have  
5 been delayed as a result;

6 WHEREAS, this Court’s General Order Nos. 02-20, 03-20, and 08-20 have continued all  
7 civil hearings pending further order of the Court;

8 WHEREAS, the Parties are conducting discovery on class certification through written  
9 discovery requests, document productions, and depositions. In order to respond to discovery  
10 requests, Defendants have been reviewing over 140,000 pages of documents and anticipate the  
11 need to collect additional documents. The Parties also need to take an additional three depositions  
12 prior to briefing class certification issues. The Parties’ scheduled depositions were postponed due  
13 to the Coronavirus. Given the continuing pandemic, the Parties now intend to take these  
14 depositions remotely but had been waiting to see if in-person depositions would have been  
15 possible;

16 WHEREAS, given the delays caused by the Coronavirus, the complexity of the class  
17 certification issues, the volume of document discovery to be conducted, and the witnesses’ and  
18 counsel’s availability for depositions, the Parties anticipate that they will require additional time  
19 to complete discovery regarding class certification. While the Parties had previously requested  
20 extensions that they believed would allow enough time, the Parties have been unable to complete  
21 all of the work necessary to brief class certification at this time;

22 WHEREAS, there is good cause to continue the deadlines for class certification discovery  
23 and briefing given the amount of time required to conduct all necessary discovery on class  
24 certification issues. In particular, the Parties anticipate that they will need approximately 60  
25 additional days to collect and exchange documents, prepare for and take depositions, confer on  
26 any discovery issues, and make any necessary discovery motions;

WHEREAS, the Parties therefore request that the Court revise its Rule 16(b) and Rule 23(d) Scheduling Order Regarding Class Certification, and its Order of May 13, 2020, to allow time for the Parties to adequately conduct discovery on and brief the class certification issues;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the Parties' stipulation and good cause shown, the Parties respectfully request the Court's approval of this Motion and an Order revising the Scheduling Order as follows:

Deadline to complete discovery on class certification (not to be construed as a bifurcation of discovery)	October 2, 2020
Deadline for Plaintiffs to file motion for class certification (noted on the fourth Friday after filing and service of the motion pursuant to Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(3) unless the parties agree to different times for filing the response and reply memoranda)	November 3, 2020

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 DATED: July 21, 2020

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23 **CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**